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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MALOLOS
HELD AT BULWAGANG DON RAMON G. DE LEON OF THE CITY OF MALOLOS ON MARCH 16, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HON. NOEL G. PINEDA	City Vice Mayor
HON. FRANCISCO J. CASTRO	Presiding Officer
HON. NIÑO CARLO C. BAUTISTA	City Councilor
HON. MICHAEL M. AQUINO	"
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HON. LUIS ALFONSO M. ARCEGA	"
HON. MIGUEL CARLOS B. SOTO	"
HON. PATRICK S. DELA CRUZ	SK President
HON. DIONISIO C. MENDOZA	ABC President

MEMBERS ABSENT:

HON. KIRK LOUIS NICOLAS	City Councilor
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CITY OF MALOLOS COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19
PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Philippines declared the rapid spread of the
Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization has characterized
the spread of the disease as a pandemic as it continues to spread throughout
the world;

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, 170,533 people have been infected and 6,520
have died of COVID-19 worldwide based on World Health Organization data;

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, 140 people have been infected and 12 have died
of COVID-19 in the Philippines based on Department of Health data;

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, the Provincial Government of Bulacan has
recorded four (4) confirmed cases, zero (0) death, 28 persons under
investigation (PUI), and 121 persons under monitoring (PUM), four (4) of which
came from the City of Malolos, based on Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction
Management Office.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the
Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases of the National Government issued
Joint Resolution No. 11 for the management of the COVID-19, providing for
strict social distancing guidelines, including suspension of classes,
prohibition on mass gatherings, community quarantine, and restriction of
domestic and international travel;

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WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Office of the President through Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea issued a Memorandum clarifying Resolution No. 11; likewise, the Department of Transportation issued General Guidelines to implement social distancing in public transportation;

WHEREAS, on 12 February, 2020, the Office of the City Mayor has issued Executive Order No. 4 Series of 2020 - An Executive Order Creating the Novel Coronavirus Task Force of the City of Malolos, Bulacan to contain and prevent COVID-19;

WHEREAS, despite these interventions, the disease continues to spread rapidly in the country;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Malolos recognizes that COVID-19 is a public health emergency with wide-ranging social, political, and economic repercussions, and that responding to the City of Malolos's COVID-19 situation is imbued with public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Malolos, in session that:

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. - Title - This Ordinance shall be known as the "COVID-19 Prevention and Control Ordinance".

SECTION 2. - Declaration of Policies - The City of Malolos recognizes that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental human rights of every being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition. In upholding this right, the City of Malolos declares as its policy that:

- Infectious and communicable diseases are public health concerns that have wide-ranging social, political, and economic repercussions. Responding to the country's current COVID-19 situation is imbued with public interest.
- The City of Malolos's response to the COVID-19 situation shall be anchored on principles of human rights, upholding human dignity. The City of Malolos shall respect, protect, and promote human rights as the cornerstone of an effective response to the City of Malolos's COVID-19 situation.
- The City of Malolos recognizes that the right to health includes the right to have access to information and services, that is free from violence and discrimination.

SECTION 3. - Definition of Terms.

- Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) refers to the disease assigned by WHO with emergency code U07.1 (2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease) in the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) and characterized by rapid transmission and signs and symptoms that may include fever, tiredness, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, nasal congestion, diarrhea, shortness of breath, and in more severe cases, pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and sometimes, death.
- COVID-19 testing refers to a facility-based, mobile medical procedure that is conducted to determine the presence or absence of COVID-19 in a person's body.
- Compulsory COVID-19 testing refers to COVID-19 testing imposed upon an individual who is a person under monitoring (PUM) or a person under investigation (PGI).

- d. Confidentiality of COVID-19 status refers to the relationship of trust and confidence created or existing between a patient or a person found positive with COVID-19 and his or her attending physician, consulting medical specialist, nurse, medical technologist and all other health workers or personnel involved in any counseling, testing or professional care of the former. It also applies to any person who, in any official capacity, has acquired or may have acquired such confidential information, such as peer educators, community-based counselors, school counselors, etc. This does not include the release of anonymized medical information for purposes of reporting to the Department of Health (DOH), and contact tracing.
- e. Enhanced community quarantine refers to the level of community quarantine where strict home quarantine shall be implemented in all households within specified geographic boundaries, transportation shall be suspended, provision for food and essential health services shall be regulated, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures will be implemented.
- f. Essential mass gathering refers to a mass gathering (i) that is work-related, which is necessary to sustain the business or continue essential work functions or (ii) that is organized to respond to the COVID-19 situation.
- g. General community quarantine refers to the level of community quarantine where movement of people shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and work; and uniformed personnel and quarantine officers shall be present at border points.
- h. Individual quarantine refers to mandatory isolation for fourteen (14) days, at home or at a designated quarantine site for PUIs and PUMs.
- i. Mass gathering refers to a planned or spontaneous event where the number of people attending the event could strain the planning and response resources of the City Government of Malolos where the event will be held. For purposes of this ordinance, a mass gathering shall be any such event that involves more than thirty (30) people.
- j. Non-essential mass gathering refers to all other mass gatherings that are not essential, as defined in this Ordinance, and which may include religious activities, sporting events, concerts, movie screenings, entertainment activities, community assemblies, and other gatherings of activities.
- k. Person under investigation (PUI) refers to a person who exhibits the symptoms of COVID-19 who has a history of travel or history of exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- l. Person under monitoring (PUM) refers to a person who does not exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, but has a history of travel or history of exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- m. Person with increased risk of death due to COVID-19 refers to any of the following:
- Immuno compromised or with weakened immune system, such as those with HIV/AIDS, cancer and transplant patients who are taking certain immunosuppressive drugs, and those with inherited diseases that affect the immune system;
 - People with serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes mellitus, or respiratory disease;

- c. Those aged 60 years old and above;
d. Pregnant women; and
e. Other persons as identified by the Department of Health.

ARTICLE II - DECLARATION OF STATE OF CALAMITY

SECTION 4. - Declaration of a State of Calamity - The City of Malolos hereby declares a State of Calamity within its territorial jurisdiction in view of the high incidence of COVID-19 in the Philippines and in the National Capital Region.

SECTION 5. - Calamity and Quick Response Fund - The Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to access the City of Malolos's Calamity and Quick Response Fund, as provided under Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010.

SECTION 6. - Duration - The State of Calamity shall continue for six (6) months, unless earlier terminated by the Sangguniang Panlungsod

SECTION 7. - Urgent measures under State of Calamity - Consistent with the declaration of a State of Calamity within the City of Malolos, the following measures shall be implemented immediately upon effectivity of this Ordinance.

- a. **Imposition and enforcement of price ceiling.** The City of Malolos Price Council shall ensure that all retail establishments within City are complying with the price ceiling issued by the National Price Coordinating Council.

- b. **Prohibition on profiteering and hoarding.** The Local Price Coordination Council shall issue a list of commodities that shall be strictly monitored to prevent and/or address profiteering, hoarding, and other illegal acts of price manipulation. The Office of the Mayor shall establish a special hotline to receive complaints on profiteering, hoarding, and other acts prohibited under RA 7581 or the Price Act.

Goods sold in violation of this provision shall be seized immediately and distributed for the use of the City of Malolos COVID-19 Task Force to respond to this emergency. The business permit of a business in violation of this Ordinance shall be suspended, until such time that corrective measures are implemented.

The Business Permit and Licensing Officer shall enforce this Section, upon the direction of the Mayor, without prejudice to available remedies under RA 7581 and other related laws.

- c. **Procurement Modalities.** The Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to use alternative procurement modalities such as negotiated procurement and shopping, as authorized under Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, for the procurement of:

- i. Medical supplies;
- ii. Medical equipment;
- iii. Medicines;
- iv. Sanitation supplies;
- v. Sanitation equipment;
- vi. Testing kits;
- vii. Personal Protective Equipment;
- viii. Ambulances (or other emergency response vehicles);
- ix. Additional contractual services to augment the services of the Health Department;
- x. Additional public transportation services to augment existing public transportation services;
- xi. Printing;

The Office of the Mayor shall comply with the guidelines of the Government Procurement Policy Board on alternative procurement modalities in emergencies.

ARTICLE III - CITY OF MALOLOS COVID-19 TASK FORCE

SECTION 8. - City of Malolos COVID-19 Task Force.

a. **Membership and Composition.** The City of Malolos COVID-19 Task Force is hereby organized, with the following composition:

- i. Office of the Mayor-Chairperson
- ii. Office of the Vice Mayor-Co-Chairperson
- iii. Health Department-Vice-chairperson
- iv. Sanggunian Committee on Health Chairperson
- v. Sanggunian Majority Floor Leader
- vi. Sanggunian Minority Floor Leader
- vii. City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer
- viii. City Planning and Development Officer
- ix. City Information Officer
- x. City Legal Officer
- xi. DepEd - Division of City Schools
- xii. City Social Welfare and Development Officer
- xiii. Liga ng mga Barangay - President
- xiv. SK Federation President
- xv. Local Civil Registrar
- xvi. Public Employment Service Office
- xvii. Business Permits and Licensing Officer
- xviii. Malolos PNP
- ix. Department of Interior and Local Government
- xx. One (1) representative from Bulacan Medical Center (BMC)
- xxi. One (1) representative from Sacred Heart Hospital

The Task Force may, as necessary, consult and engage with other government agencies, NGOs, and experts, who have relevant expertise that may be useful or necessary to accomplish its functions under this Ordinance.

b. **Functions and Responsibilities.** The COVID-19 Task Force shall:

- i. Oversee implementation of this Ordinance;
- ii. Ensure compliance with protocols of the Department of Health (DOH) in responding to the country's COVID-19 situation;
- iii. Conduct surveillance and monitoring of COVID-19 cases in the City;
- iv. Ensure the operationalization and implementation of the City's COVID-19 response;
- v. Develop and ensure implementation of guidelines and policies necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance;
- vi. Mobilize sources of funds for the implementation and evaluation of the Ordinance;
- vii. Identify gaps in the City's response on the part of government agencies and of partners from intergovernmental organizations and civil society, to develop and implement the interventions required to address such gaps;
- viii. Recommend policies and programs that will institutionalize or sustain the interventions required to address the gaps identified in the City's response to the COVID-19 situation;
- ix. Ensure that all members of the COVID-19 Task Force are implementing individual COVID-19 work plans, which shall be anchored on, and integrated into the City's COVID-19 Program.

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- c. Meetings. The COVID-19 Task Force shall meet regularly, and frequently as necessary, upon notice by the Mayor.
- d. Secretariat. CDARMO shall serve as the COVID-19 Task Force Secretariat.

SECTION 9. - Lead Agency. Unless otherwise provided herein, the City Health Department shall be the agency primarily responsible for the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance and the City's COVID-19 prevention and control program.

SECTION 10. - COVID-19 Prevention, Control, and Management Program. Within twenty-four (24) hours from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Health Office shall develop a COVID-19 Prevention, Control, and Management Program ("Program"). The Program shall specify:

1. Strategies;
2. Activities;
3. Estimated budget and funding sources;
4. Responsible offices, persons, or organizations; and
5. Timeline.

SECTION 11. - Data Collection, Evaluation and Monitoring, and Research - The City Health Office (CHO) shall maintain a comprehensive COVID-19 monitoring and evaluation program. The program shall include the following:

- a. Data Collection. The City Health Office shall receive, collate, process, and evaluate all medical reports related to COVID-19 from all hospitals, clinics, laboratories, and testing centers, including COVID-19-related deaths and relevant data from public and private hospitals within the City. For this purpose, the City Health Office shall receive reports through the hotline mentioned in Article IV, Section 2.
- b. Monitoring and Evaluation Team. The City Health Office (CHO), in coordination with the DOH Provincial Epidemiology Surveillance Unit, shall determine and monitor the magnitude and progression of COVID-19 in the City to help the City evaluate the adequacy and efficacy of COVID-19 Prevention, Control, and Treatment Programs being employed, and to monitor performance of public and private hospitals within the City.
- c. Research. The City Health Office shall initiate research in order to measure the impact of interventions, establish the evidence for proposed interventions, or identify other potential interventions.

ARTICLE IV - COVID-19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL

SECTION 12. - Information, Education, and Communication.

- a. Social Marketing on COVID-19 and Government Services. The City Information Office (CIO), in coordination with the City Health Office and other relevant departments within the City Government, shall develop and implement a COVID-19 information, education, and communication (IEC) campaign on the following:

- i. COVID-19 and its symptoms;
- ii. Prevention and what to do in case of onset of symptoms;
- iii. Available government services;
- iv. Testing;
- v. Social distancing guidelines of the national government and the City;
- vi. Quarantine;
- vii. Sanitation; and
- viii. The provisions of this Ordinance;
- ix. Other necessary and useful information to address the COVID-19 situation.

- b. Community IEC. Barangays shall be primarily responsible for disseminating information and education materials to all households and businesses within the Barangay. The Barangay shall coordinate with the CIO for the publication of community IEC materials.
- c. Mass Media and Social Media IEC. The City Information Office shall be responsible for developing, implementing, and coordinating a mass media and social media information, education, and communications campaign.

SECTION 13. - COVID-19 Reporting Hotline (044-791-2449 - City Health Office and 044-760-5160 - CORRMO) - The City Health Office shall establish and publicize a dedicated COVID-19 reporting hotline to receive information on Persons Under Investigation or Persons Under Monitoring. All reports received shall be transmitted to the Department of Health in accordance with existing protocols.

SECTION 14. - Free Testing - As far as practicable, the City Health Office shall facilitate the immediate testing of all PUIs and PUMs free of charge. The Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to procure rapid testing kits or enter into a contract of service with reputable laboratories or institutions offering COVID-19 testing.

- a. Compulsory COVID-19 Testing. All PUIs shall be subjected to COVID-19 Testing, in accordance with protocols issued by the Department of Health. Prior to testing, the Lead Agency shall provide counseling on the implications of a positive and negative result, and the services provided by government to assist the PUI towards recovery.
- b. Voluntary COVID-19 Testing. As soon as additional testing kits become available, the COVID-19 Task Force shall issue guidelines on conducting voluntary COVID-19 Testing. The COVID-19 Task Force shall ensure that PUMs are prioritized for voluntary testing, even if such PUMs are asymptomatic.
- c. Release of COVID-19 Results. The results of COVID-19 Testing, whether rapid or confirmatory, shall only be released to the individual who submitted to the test, by a trained health worker who shall provide post-test counseling.
- d. Temperature Check - All manufacturing, retail or service establishments that are allowed to continue operating during the State of Calamity are required to conduct temperature checks at all entry points of their establishment. Persons found to have symptoms shall be provided with information on COVID-19 and shall not be allowed entry to the establishment. This provision shall apply to public utility terminals within the City.

SECTION 15. - Individual Quarantine - PUIs and PUMs shall submit to a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine. The following rules shall be observed in administering individual quarantine:

- a. Home quarantine. PUIs and PUMs with sufficient room in their household as to prevent transmission to other unexposed individuals may be allowed to undergo home quarantine, subject to compliance with guidelines to be issued by the City Health Office.
- b. Assisted Quarantine. The Office of the Mayor is directed to establish additional quarantine sites to assist those living in confined spaces (i.e., apartments, dormitories, etc.) where other unexposed individuals or asymptomatic individuals will be at increased risk of exposure, to undergo self-quarantine in a designated quarantine site of the City.

c. **Assistance to Indigent Quarantined Persons.** The Barangay, in coordination with the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the City Health Office shall provide necessary assistance to indigent quarantined persons within their Barangay. Assistance shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- i. Medical assistance, including medicines and medical services for management of COVID-19 symptoms and treatment of COVID-19;
- ii. Food, including three meals and snacks for the duration of the quarantine; and
- iii. Mental health support.

d. **Assistance to Non-indigent Quarantined Persons.** The Barangay shall provide assistance to non-indigent quarantined persons, taking into consideration the resources of and access to other means of assistance of such persons. Assistance shall include, but not be limited to:

- i. Weekly purchase of goods and medicines for the duration of the quarantine;
- ii. Coordination with the Lead Agency for urgent medical needs; and
- iii. Mental health support.

SECTION 16. - Community Quarantine.

a. **General community quarantine.** Subject to guidelines to be issued by the IATF and other relevant national government agency, the Office of the Mayor may declare an area within the City of Malolos under general community quarantine. All areas under general community quarantine shall observe the following rules:

- i. **Limited transportation.** Transportation shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and travelling to work only.
- ii. **Restriction on non-essential entry.** Non-essential entry of people in the contained area shall be restricted. Only the following persons shall be allowed entry, subject to presentation of the appropriate documentation, as determined by the COVID-19 Task Force:
 - (1) health workers;
 - (2) authorized government officials;
 - (3) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
 - (4) persons transiting to airport for travel abroad;
 - (5) persons providing basic services and public utilities; and
 - (6) essential skeleton workforce.
- iii. **Restriction on non-essential exits.** Non-essential exits of people out of the contained area shall be restricted. Only the following persons shall be allowed exit:
 - (1) health workers;
 - (2) authorized government officials;
 - (3) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
 - (4) those who were granted entry based on the above-mentioned provisions;

All persons leaving the contained community must be checked for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at exit checkpoints. The City Health Office shall issue the (1) appropriate certification that the exiting person has no signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or is otherwise cleared to travel for medical or humanitarian reasons and (2) endorse the existing person to the LGU of destination.

- iv. Uniformed personnel and quarantine officers shall be designated at the following entry points, but not limited to:
- (1) Barangay Tikay (Guiguinto, Bulacan)
 - (2) Barangay Mambo and Look 2nd (Bulakan, Bulacan)
 - (3) Barangay Barihon (Plaridel, Bulacan)
 - (4) Barangay Lugam (Lagundi, Plaridel)
 - (5) Barangay Ligan (Guiguinto, Bulacan)
 - (6) Barangay Anilao and Hulihan (Paombong, Bulacan)
 - (7) Barangay Longos and Look 1st (Calumpit, Bulacan)

- b. Enhanced community quarantine. The City Mayor, in consultation with the Barangay, may declare an area to be covered by enhanced community quarantine when (i) extensive transmission of COVID-19 is occurring, (ii) a significant number of cases lack identifiable epidemiologic links at the time of evaluation, and (iii) restrictions placed on persons known to have been exposed are considered insufficient to prevent further spread.

- i. Strict monitoring and treatment. The City Health Office shall continuously monitor, treat, and manage confirmed cases of COVID-19 within such area.
- ii. Provisions for affected residents. The CHMDO shall ensure that all residents of the Barangay will receive adequate food and medical supplies for the duration of the enhanced community quarantine.
- iii. Limitations on travel. All persons in the area covered by enhanced community quarantine shall remain strictly within the premises of their household or residence. Only movement that is necessary for medical or humanitarian purposes shall be allowed.

SECTION 17. - Social Distancing - The City Government of Malolos encourages social distancing as among the effective interventions to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. For this purpose, the following guidelines shall be observed:

- a. **Suspension of classes.** Classes and all school activities at all levels in both public and private schools shall be suspended in accordance with IATF Joint Resolution No. 11. Suspension shall continue unless otherwise lifted by the Office of the Mayor.

Upon the request of schools within the City's jurisdiction, the Office of the Mayor may assist schools, colleges, and universities in providing emergency services, including (i) disinfection and sanitation of school premises, and (ii) handling and isolation of potential cases of infection among personnel and learners.

The Office of the City Mayor shall also coordinate with the Department of Education Regional and District Offices in providing guidelines and/or resources for schools to implement distance learning solutions whether tech or non-tech based, or Alternative Delivery Modes of education as applicable, during the period of suspension. The Office of the City Mayor shall also help in disseminating their respective guidelines to allow students to fulfill requirements during the period of suspension.

- b. **Suspension of all non-essential mass gatherings.** Non-essential mass gatherings are hereby prohibited. Business permits of businesses found to be in violation of this provision shall be suspended until the State of Calamity is lifted.

- c. Social distancing in essential mass gatherings. Essential mass gatherings are allowed, provided that social distancing between persons is observed; provided, further, that the gathering shall not involve persons at increased risk of death due to COVID-19.

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In these instances, the owner or person-in-charge of the venue or the organizer of the gathering shall ensure that the capacity of the venue allows a minimum of one-meter distance between each participant. Licenses or permits of establishments found in violation of this provision shall be suspended until such time that corrective measures are implemented.

- d. Social distancing of persons with increased risk of death due to COVID-19. The City Government of Malolos urges persons with increased risk of death due to COVID-19 to undergo strict social distancing. Barangays are hereby mandated to provide assistance to such persons with increased risk, taking into consideration the resources of and access to other means of assistance of such persons, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- i. Weekly assistance for the purchase of food and medical supplies; and
- ii. Coordination with the Lead Agency for urgent medical needs.

- e. Social distancing for senior citizens and other vulnerable groups. All programs and activities organized by the City/Municipality for senior citizens, persons with disability (PWDs) and children that would expose such persons to increased risk of illness or death due to COVID-19, including, but not limited to, free movie screenings and other recreational or community activities, are hereby suspended until further notice by the Office of the City Mayor. The City Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and the City Social Welfare and Development Office shall provide guidance, information and support to senior citizens, PWDs, and children in the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

The SGDD shall establish mechanisms to ensure that senior citizens and other vulnerable groups in need of urgent social service assistance shall continue to have access to such assistance for the duration of the State of Calamity, while continuing to observe social distancing.

- f. Social distancing in public transportation - All public transportation plying to and from the City of Malolos are directed to comply with the following seating and passenger capacity restrictions, where passengers shall be required to sit at a distance of one-seat apart from each other. Public transportation vehicles shall observe following restrictions:

- i. Public Utility Buses may carry a maximum of 25 passengers, including the driver and conductor.
- ii. Public Utility Jeeps may carry a maximum of 10 passengers, including the driver.
- iii. Transport Network Vehicle Services (TNVS) and Taxis may carry a maximum of four (4) persons, including the driver. TNVS shall not offer trip-sharing services.
- iv. UV Express Services may carry a maximum of 6 passengers, including the driver.
- v. Traditional Tricycles may carry a maximum of 1 passenger per trip. Fees to be charged shall be the fee for special trips.
- vi. E-tricycles may carry a maximum of 2 passengers per trip, provided that passengers are seated in opposite corners of the seating area.

All drivers of public utility vehicles and tricycles are required to wear masks. Operators of public transportation vehicles shall be responsible for informing drivers and conductors of these restrictions, who shall in turn ensure compliance among passengers during travel.

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A fine of Php500.00 shall be imposed on the driver of the vehicle found in violation of this provision. An Official Traffic Citation Ticket shall be issued to the driver found in violation of this provision.

- g. **Social distancing in terminals.** Terminals within the City of Malolos are required to manage and organize the queuing within their premises to ensure a distance of one-meter between passengers on queue.

Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the suspension of the terminal permit to operate, until such time that corrective measures are implemented.

SECTION 18. - Sanitation and Personal Protective Equipment - All government offices within the City and all retail, manufacturing, and service establishments allowed to continue operating under this Ordinance are required to (i) sanitize their establishments daily or more frequently, if necessary, and (ii) provide personal protective equipment for their frontline personnel, which shall include alcohol, masks and gloves, and other equipment necessary in consideration of the tasks assigned to the personnel.

Micro and small businesses may request the assistance of the Barangay for free sanitation services. The Office of the Mayor is hereby directed to procure sanitation equipment and supplies for each Barangay.

Failure to comply with this provision may result in the suspension of the business permit of the business or establishment, until such time that the violation is corrected, or the imposition of administrative sanctions on responsible officers of the government office in accordance with Republic Act No. 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

Each 51 Sangguniang Barangay shall conduct regular disinfection in their respective locality.

SECTION 19. - Incentives for Work-From-Home Arrangements in Private Entities - Subject to verification by the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO), businesses within the City that will implement work-from-home arrangements will be given a discount equivalent to 1/12th of the business permit fee for the year 2020 for their business permit renewal in 2021. The BPLO shall issue guidelines to implement this provision, subject to the approval of the COVID-19 Task Force.

SECTION 20. - Deadline of Payment of Local Taxes - The deadline for payment of local taxes including quarterly business tax, quarterly real property tax, and similar taxes, including tricycle franchise fees, falling due during after the Declaration of State of Calamity is hereby extended to thirty (30) days after the lifting of the Declaration of State of Calamity.

SECTION 21. - Reduced Work Week and Work-From-Home in Local Government Offices - Except for members of the COVID-19 Task Force, the City Government of Malolos shall operate under a rotational four-day work-week for essential personnel, upon effectivity of this Ordinance. Non-essential personnel shall be authorized to work from home, upon the direction of their department head, and provided that all personnel shall maintain daily time records indicating all tasks performed during the workday.

The Office of the Mayor in the case of the executive department, and the Office of the Vice Mayor in the case of the legislative department, shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of effectivity of this Ordinance, identify their essential and non-essential personnel.

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SECTION 22. - Living Assistance for Affected Workers - The Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to provide additional living assistance, which shall not exceed Php2,000.00 for displaced workers, and to augment the income of affected public transportation drivers. The Social Services Department shall issue guidelines on the verification of persons entitled to living assistance. Such guidelines shall ensure that social distancing will be observed in applying for, and distributing, the living assistance.

SECTION 23. - Public Transportation Augmentation - The Office of the Mayor, through the City Traffic Management Office, is authorized to engage private transportation services to augment the reduced public transportation supply resulting from the implementation of Article IV, Section 6 (f) of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE V - COVID-19 TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT

SECTION 24. - Information, Education, and Communications Campaign on COVID-19 Treatment, and Other Services - The City Information Office (CIO) shall develop and implement an IEC campaign to raise universal awareness of, and increase access to, available COVID-19 treatment, care, and support services, with the goal of encouraging self-reporting and quarantine.

SECTION 25. - COVID-19 Treatment, Care and Support Services - The CHO shall provide COVID-19 treatment, care, and support services, which shall include:

- a. **Treatment.** The CHO shall ensure that it has up-to-date information on COVID-19 Treatment Modalities. The Office of the Mayor is authorized to procure FDA-approved and medically-safe COVID-19 treatment, when available.
- b. **Care.** The CHO shall ensure that patients confirmed to have COVID-19 are provided with continuing care, whether in a hospital facility or during home quarantine. The CHO shall coordinate with Barangay Health Workers in monitoring the progression of the disease in confirmed cases under quarantine, and shall ensure that patients under quarantine are provided with medical assistance in managing their symptoms.
- c. **Support Services.** Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 who are under home quarantine shall be provided with the same services identified under Article IV, Section 7 of this Ordinance. The CHO may design and provide additional support services, with the goal of encouraging self-reporting and quarantine.

ARTICLE VI - Protection of Health Workers and Health Service Providers

SECTION 26. - Protective Equipment - The CHO shall ensure that all health workers and health service providers at the frontline of managing the COVID-19 situation shall have the necessary protective equipment. Private hospitals may request the assistance of the City Government of Malolos in procuring protective equipment, at their own cost, to ensure continued availability.

SECTION 27. - Caring for Carers - The City Health Office (CHO) shall develop programs and policies to ensure that Health Workers and Health Service Providers are given adequate protection from mental and stress disorders brought about by their work.

SECTION 28. - Sanitation - At the request of health workers and health service providers, Barangays may provide free sanitation services of the household and vehicles of health workers and health service providers.

SECTION 29. - Coordination with civil society and the private sector - The Lead Agency shall coordinate and engage with entities from civil society and the private sector (except those that are affiliated with industries that harm health) that are conducting assistance and relief operations to provide protective equipment and other support services to health workers and ensure efficiency in providing assistance and services.

ARTICLE VII - LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

SECTION 30. - Coordination between the City Health Office (CHO) and City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) - Within twenty (20) hours from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the CHO and CDRRMC shall convene to centralize its operations and resources to:

- Establish an early warning system to ensure timely broadcast of new COVID-19 cases, their status and location, and to advise national or local emergency response operations on the latest developments;
- Develop and maintain a risk map containing the number of PUIs and PUMs per locality, a database of human resources and their capacities, equipment, directories, and critical infrastructure, such as hospitals and quarantine sites; and
- Organize, train, equip, and supervise the local emergency response teams, or Accredited Community Disaster Volunteers (ACDVs). For purposes of this Ordinance, doctors, health workers, and interns of medical establishments are considered as ACDVs.

ARTICLE VIII - FINES AND PENALTIES

SECTION 31. - Fines for Prohibited Acts - Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, all persons found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be fined in the amount of Php5,000.00 without prejudice to other penalties that may be imposed under applicable laws, rules and regulations.

For juridical persons committing violations of this Ordinance, the officers and board of directors shall suffer the foregoing fine, in addition to the suspension or revocation of their business permit, and the seizure of goods, where applicable.

SECTION 32. - Procedure for Suspension or Revocation of Business Permits - Any person or entity found to be in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance that are relevant to establishments with business permits shall be issued a Notice of Violation and/or Cease and Desist Orders and given a period of five (5) days within which to comply or comment. Failure to comply within the given timeframe shall result in the suspension or revocation of the violator's business permit or license, as the case may be.

ARTICLE IX - FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 33. - Repealing Clause - All ordinances, local issuances, or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 34. - Transitory Clause - The COVID-19 Task Force shall ensure continuity of other health services in the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 35. - Separability Clause - If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

SECTION 36. - Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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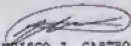
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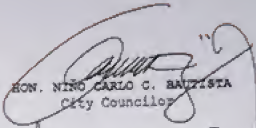
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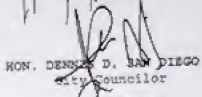

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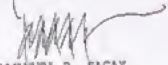

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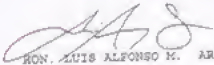

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

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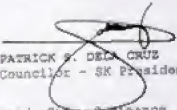

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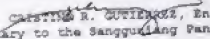

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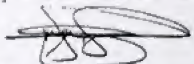

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